

# PROBUS Club of Oshawa Newsletter: January, 2019



**2018 - 2019**

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## President's Message

A new year, a time to reflect on the past year and make resolutions for the year ahead. To be honest, I don't make New Year resolutions. I believe to be successful in making a positive change in your life you start with small changes you can live with and commit fully regardless of the time of year.

Unfortunately, I was unable to attend the sold-out Christmas dinner at the Oshawa Golf Club due to a previous commitment but feedback received has been very positive. Members have indicated the meal was delicious, service excellent and entertainment very talented, singing many Elvis songs not in an Elvis voice. I understand one table won an abundance of poinsettias. Thanks to the Social Committee for all their work in arranging this and all other social events throughout the year.

My hope is that you meet many new friends in the coming year and consider joining new activities to enhance your life journey. Wishing you a prosperous, healthy and Happy New Year.

## JANUARY SPEAKER - Jerry Amernic, Author

Jerry began his career as a reporter before moving to magazine writing and books – fiction and non-fiction. He is also a media relations consultant, a media trainer, speaker, and teacher. His first book *Victims: The Orphans of Justice*, was a ground-breaking look at the criminal justice system from the purview of crime victims. In *Duty – The Life of a Cop*, he tackled the memoir and life story of former police chief Julian Fantino.

Jerry's novel *Gift of the Bambino* was about a boy and his grandfather, and how they are bound by baseball and Babe Ruth. The book received glowing reviews in Canada and the U.S.



There is no new membership to report at this time. Membership stands at 294.

**PROBUS Club of Oshawa Website:**

[www.oshawaprobus.com](http://www.oshawaprobus.com)  
**SOCIAL COMMITTEE**

**Marilyn Thaxter, Jackie Bathe and Janet Good**

The social committee would like to thank members for paying for events when they sign up for them.

**\*Please remember to bring your cheque book\***

**UPCOMING OSHAWA PROBUS EVENTS:**

**\*Cheques payable to PROBUS CLUB OF OSHAWA\***

- **TRIVIA NIGHT** – January 16<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM at the Thornton Arms Pub, 575 Thornton Road North, Oshawa (s/e corner of Thornton Road and Rossland Road) **SOLD OUT.**

- **ABILITIES CENTRE TOUR** - Monday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 10 AM. Tickets are \$7. Tour of the facility plus use of the amazing walking track - maybe some stretching. We'll come out a new person and might need to have lunch to limber down. 55 Gordon Street, Whitby  
**(Sign up with payment at January meeting)**

- **BOWLING and PUB FOOD** - February 13<sup>th</sup>, 4 PM. Five pin Bowling at NEBS followed by dinner at a local pub. \$10for bowling - Shoe rental extra (if required). Pub dinner extra. More fun than high scoring involved. **(Sign up with payment at January meeting)**

**SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS**

**Conveners – Please submit your information to the newsletter editor by the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month to be included in the following month's Newsletter**

**Suggestions for a new group?** Do you have an interest or hobby you would like to share with your fellow club members? Contact Jackie Frank and she will see if such a group can be created.

**Proposed new groups** - There are four suggestions for new groups waiting for people to sign up: Appetizers, Speakers/ Lectures, Bridge for Beginners and a Book Club. Some members have signed up for the Book Club and Bridge for Beginners but more people are needed to get these groups going. Anyone interested in joining any of these groups should sign up at the January meeting or contact Jackie Frank.



**ART GROUP - Debbie Waker**

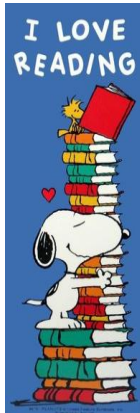
Convener: Debbie Waker - d.waker@sympatico.ca

DATE: Thursday, January 17<sup>th</sup>

TIME: 1 PM

ADDRESS: 410 Jane Avenue

ACTIVITY: White Tissue Paper / Painting



### **BOOKWORMS - Bernice Burke and Judy Bell**

The next meeting will be Tuesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10 AM. Marg Hardy will be hosting and we will be discussing the book "Bel Canto" by Ann Patchett. Contact: Bernice Burke, 905-728-2587 or Judy Bell 905-720-3808.

### **BOOKIES BOOK CLUB – Jane Havens**

Our next meeting is on Thursday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM. Pauline Gubbels will host the meeting and be the discussion leader for our January selection "The Rosie Project" by Graeme Simsion.

### **PROBUS BOOK CLUB - Mary Kelcey**

PROBUS Book Club will meet on Thursday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM. Lindy Kolodzie will be hosting and Barb Jones will lead the discussion of our selection "The Remains of the Day" by Kazuo Ishiguro.



### **BRAIN GAMES – Jackie Frank**

The first meeting of the group will take place on Wednesday, January 16<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM at Jackie Frank's house. Bring a pad and a pencil and your sense of humour! Anyone interested in joining the group should contact Jackie at [jacqueline.frank@bell.net](mailto:jacqueline.frank@bell.net).

### **BREAKFAST GROUP – Catherine Frost**

Catherine Frost will be looking after the group which will now meet on the first Thursday of the month at 9:30 AM. The group will next meet on Thursday, February 7<sup>th</sup>. There will be a sign-up sheet at the January meeting for those interested in going out for breakfast. Feel free to contact Catherine for more information.



### **BID EUCHRE - Sandra Hunt**

Bid Euchre is on the fourth Wednesday, so we will be meeting on January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1:30 PM at Centennial Retirement Residence, 259 Hillcroft Street, downstairs in the Gathering Room.



### **EUCHRE GROUP #2 - Gerry Henderson**

Euchre Group #2 will meet at the Centennial Retirement Residence, 259 Hillcroft Street, at 2 PM, on Thursday, January 24<sup>th</sup>. New members are always welcome.

### **CHESS - Ed and Jo Taylor**



Ed and Jo Taylor would be delighted to welcome you in their home for a game or two of chess. The conveners would like to play in the evenings, starting at 7 PM, and keep the activity enjoyable and informal. Contact Jo Taylor if interested.

### **CRIBBAGE – June McLaren**



We now have a Cribbage Group with June McLaren as its Convener. The group's first meeting will be on Wednesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM at the home of June McLaren. If you would like to join the group, contact June or sign up at the next meeting.

### **HAND AND FOOT CARD GAME – Kathy Brown**

No information was available at the time of publication of the Newsletter.



### **LUNCH GROUP - Connie Nelson**

The lunch group will meet at 12 noon on Tuesday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at Shrimp Cocktail, 843 King Street West, Oshawa. If you plan to attend please indicate on the sign-up sheet on the special interest table or call Connie Nelson at 905-576-9022 so she can book a reservation. If you find that you have signed up and subsequently are unable to attend for any reason, even if the same day as the lunch, please let Connie know so she can advise the restaurant of the amended number.



### **MAH JONGG - Alecia Minosora**

No information was available at the time of publication of the Newsletter.



### **MOVIE GROUP - Mary Gibson**

Movie group meets Friday mornings at Landmark Theatre. If interested, contact Mary Gibson 905-435-2441 to find out what movie we are going to that week (new movie listings come out on Wednesday), and what time (the first showing of the day of that movie).

### **POKER: AFTERNOON GROUP - Vicky and Gerry Paquette**



Afternoon poker group will meet on Tuesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>. New players are welcome.

## **POKER: EVENING GROUP - Allan Anderson**

PROBUS evening poker in January will be on Wednesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM at the home of Mike Angelakis.



## **SCRABBLE - Judy Bryson**

The next meeting will be on Thursday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM at Judy Bryson's, 481 Masson Street, Oshawa. Please RSVP 905-576-0492.



## **THEATRE, CONCERTS, OPERA & DANCE - Maria de Jong**

The following is a small sample of the cultural events being offered in this region. **Please note, this SIG is looking for a new convener.**

**Opera:** Metropolitan Opera production of Adriana Lecouvreur  
Saturday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 12:55 PM, Oshawa Cineplex

**Concert:** Johannes Linstead: Guitars of Fire  
Friday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, 8 PM Port Hope Capital Theatre

**Ballet:** Bolshoi Ballet production of la Bayadere  
Sunday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 12:55 PM, Oshawa Cineplex

**Theatre:** Norm Foster's Office Hours  
Various dates starting January 31<sup>st</sup>, Oshawa Little Theatre

## **WINE APPRECIATION - Bernice Burke**



The Wine Appreciation Group **WILL NOT** be meeting in January.

## **VINTAGE TASTING - Donna Henderson**

Welcome in 2019, on Thursday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, at 3 PM. with Wine Tasting at the home of Donna Henderson, 1648 Edenwood Drive, Oshawa, L1G7Y6. Please RSVP, by January 3<sup>rd</sup>, if possible. Call Donna at 905-723-9501 or email [nurseforyou28@hotmail.com](mailto:nurseforyou28@hotmail.com). See you soon!



## **WINE AND DINE - Catherine Frost**

On January 10<sup>th</sup> the group will meet at Bistro 238, 1403 King Street East, Courtice. Please notify Dorothy Shrigley [dorothy.shrigley@gmail.com](mailto:dorothy.shrigley@gmail.com) by January 3<sup>rd</sup> if you are coming. Dinner will be at 6:30 PM this month. New

members are always welcome. Catherine Frost [c.frost@sympatico.ca](mailto:c.frost@sympatico.ca)



## **URBAN POLE WALKING - Maria de Jong**

January 2019 Schedule

Come and join us when you can and get moving this winter. Poles are not required. Just be dressed to be safe for the weather and trail conditions. Crampons are good to have on hand. We meet for coffee after our walk.

All walks will take place as scheduled, weather permitting.

Mondays: January 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, 10 AM.

Fridays: January 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup>, 10 AM

Meet at the east end of the parking lot, Rossland Road and Wilson Road for Harmony Creek Trail or local roads depending on conditions.

No walk scheduled for January 7<sup>th</sup>. Happy New Year!!!



## **YARN DIVAS - Barb Jones**

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM at the home of Nora Black. Please RSVP by January 7<sup>th</sup>. If you'd like help knitting hats "in the round", please remember to bring a 16" circular needle to the meeting.

The Yarn Divas were busy in December! They donated 19 hats to Queen Elizabeth P.S. in Oshawa and 6 more blankets to Project Linus, bringing our total to 19 blankets.

Hats off to Carol Shewchuk who, with the help of the Yarn Divas and some friends, donated 40 twiddle muffs to the dementia units of Taunton Mills in Whitby.

All PROBUS members who love to knit or crochet - or those who want to learn - are welcome!

**NEXT MEETING - TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 10 AM**